

Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – February 23, 2018

Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Penelope A. Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
John C. Cook, Braddock District
John W. Foust, Dranesville District
Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District
Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2018/feb23-legislative-agenda-final.pdf>

Meeting Materials:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-legislative-committee-meeting-feb-23-2018>

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M.

Summary of Discussion:

Opportunity Zones

The Committee received information regarding Opportunity Zones, a new economic development tool provided for in the Federal Tax and Jobs Act of 2017. Staff provided a [map](#) and accompanying [handout](#) identifying eligible census tracts in Fairfax County, and received guidance from the Committee on the criteria to consider in narrowing the list to the eight census tracts that could be included in the County Executive's proposal to the Governor.

Update on State Budget

The Committee received an updated [chart](#) on the state budget, including amendments included in the proposals reported out of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees on February 18. Most significantly, the House budget contains Medicaid expansion, a longstanding County priority, as well as funding for a number of other County priorities, including increased funding for Fairfax County Public Schools and localities with police departments (HB 599).

Update on Wireless Telecommunications Legislation

The Committee received an [update](#) on pending wireless telecommunications legislation and discussed the versions under consideration as of February 23, 2018. The Board of Supervisors previously took a position to oppose this legislation, as the bills would limit local land use authority.

Specific Legislation

The bills discussed at Legislative Committee, listed with staff recommendations, are posted in the February 23 Legislative Committee [agenda and documents](#). The Board of Supervisors formally takes action on Legislative Committee materials at formal Board meetings (next scheduled Board meeting: March 6, 2018).

- Bills for Discussion
 - The Legislative Committee discussed and took positions on three additional bills.

Update on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Legislation

The Committee received an [update](#) on pending legislation that would provide funding for WMATA and statewide transit, and discussed the versions under consideration as of February 23, 2018.

Fairfax County Principles for WMATA Funding and Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Resolution

The Legislative Committee received copies of the Fairfax County Principles for WMATA Funding, which the Board of Supervisors adopted on February 6, 2018. The Fairfax County Principles for WMATA Funding refer to the NVTC resolution passed in September 2017, titled Principles for WMATA Reform, which was also included as a [handout](#).

Fairfax County Legislative Summary

The Legislative Committee reviewed the [Legislative Summary](#), including the status of legislation on which the Board of Supervisors had previously taken positions, and discussed changing positions on a number of bills.

Staff Watch List and Legislation Provided for Information

The Legislative Committee received a document with the staff “Watch List,” and legislation provided for information. The Legislative Committee did not take a position on these bills at this meeting. This [list](#) was provided as a handout for Board members to review after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Votes Taken: None

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